

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

ALLEN JOHNSON,

Petitioner,

v.

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:07cv139
(Judge Stamp)**

TERESA WAID, Warden,

Respondent.

ROSEBORO NOTICE

On March 4, 2008, the respondent filed a Motion to Dismiss in response to the petitioner's to the petitioner's petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The Court notes that the petitioner is proceeding *pro se*. The Court has a mandatory duty to advise the petitioner of his right to file responsive material, and to alert him to the fact that his failure to so respond might result in the entry of an order of dismissal against him. Davis v. Zahradrich, 600 F.2d 458, 460 (4th Cir. 1979); Roseboro v. Garrison, 528 F2d 309, 310 (4th Cir. 1975). The petitioner is so advised.

Within thirty (30) days of entry of this Order, the petitioner shall file any opposition explaining why his case should not be dismissed. The petitioner is advised that he must serve the respondent with any response he files.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to mail a copy of this Order to the *pro se* petitioner by certified mail, return receipt requested, to his last known address as shown on the docket sheet. The Clerk of the Court is further directed to provide a copy of this Order to all counsel of record, as applicable, as provided in the Administrative Procedures for Electronic Filing in the United States District Court.

DATED: March 4, 2008

/s/ James E. Seibert
JAMES E. SEIBERT
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE